

HOUSE BILL 156

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Sossi, Eckardt, Elmore, Haddaway, Mizeur, Smigiel, and Walkup**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2010

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration – Upper Shore Community Mental Health**
3 **Center – Continued Operation**

4 FOR the purpose of adding the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center to the
5 list of State facilities maintained under the direction of the Mental Hygiene
6 Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the
7 Administration, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to continue the
8 operation of the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center in
9 Chestertown, Maryland; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
10 relating to the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 10–406(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Health – General
18 Section 10–406(e)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2009 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Health – General**

24 10–406.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The following State facilities shall be maintained under the direction of
2 the Administration:

3 (1) Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center.

4 (2) Crownsville Hospital Center.

5 (3) Eastern Shore Hospital Center.

6 (4) Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents – Baltimore,
7 Rockville, and Southern Maryland.

8 (5) Springfield Hospital Center.

9 (6) Spring Grove Hospital Center.

10 (7) Walter P. Carter Center.

11 (8) Thomas B. Finan Hospital Center.

12 **(9) UPPER SHORE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.**

13 **(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE**
14 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF THE UPPER SHORE**
15 **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
17 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
18 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
19 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
20 the date it is enacted.